

Yucca gigantea

COMMON NAME

giant yucca, spineless yucca

SYNONYMS

Wikipedia lists: *Dracaena lennei* Baker; *Dracaena yuccoides* Baker; *Sarcococca elephantipes* Lindling., nom. superfl.; *Yucca eleana* W.Watson; *Yucca elephantipes* Regel ex Trel., nom. illeg.; *Yucca elephantipes* var. *ghiesbreghtii* Molon; *Yucca ghiesbreghtii* Baker; *Yucca guatemalensis* Baker; *Yucca lenneana* Baker; *Yucca mazellii* W.Watson; *Yucca mooreana* Baker; *Yucca roezlii* Baker

FAMILY

Asparagaceae

AUTHORITY

Yucca gigantea Lem.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Monocotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

An arborescent monocot with a single or multiple stem; leaves firm to rigid but not spine tipped.

DISTRIBUTION

An occasional indoor or outdoor plant in NZ. One wild collection of a rooted plant that appeared to have arisen from dumped garden waste.

SIMILAR TAXA

Yucca gloriosa is much more common in the wild in NZ than *Y. gigantea* and it has spine-tipped leaves.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

root suckers, cuttings, seeds

YEAR NATURALISED

2010 (first record was Patea, Taranaki)

ORIGIN

Central America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

yucca: An name derived from a language in the Carib group, denoting another plant and mistakenly applied to this taxa.

ATTRIBUTION

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Potted plant, Whanganui; rooted plant from Patea's green waste dump in 2010.

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Trunk of potted plant, Whanganui; rooted plant from Patea's green waste dump in 2010.

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/yucca-gigantea/>